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SUBJECT: GOC REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTARY SECURITY ADVICE

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SUMMARY; FOLLOWING KEYED TO QUESTIONS POSED STATE
REFTEL. BECAUSE NEITHER EMBASSY NOR DAS STAFF MEMBERS
HAVE EXPERTISE IN COUNTERFEIT DETECTION, OUR RESPONSES
ARE NECESSARILY TENTATIVE. WE WOULD HOPE THAT VISITING
DOCUMENTARY SECURITY SPECIALIST COULD NOT ONLY ADVISE
DAS ON POSITIVE STEPS IT MIGHT TAKE TO CONTROL THE USE
OF FALSE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, BUT ALSO PLUMB THE DEPTH OF
THE PROBLEM IN A WAY WE ARE NOT EQUIPPED TO DO.

1. COLOMBIAN PASSPORTS; WE HAVE DETECTED NO CASES OF
COMPLETE COUNTERFEIT COLOMBIAN PASSPORTS, BUT, THIS DOES
NOT CONSTITUTE PROOF THAT SUCH PASSPORTS ARE NOT PRODUCED
BY SKILLED COLOMBIAN COUNTERFEITERS. MOST COMMON TYPE OF PASSPORT
COUNTERFEIT DETECTED INVOLVES SUBSTITUTION OR FALSIFICATION
PERSONAL DATA/PHOTO PAGE. SUCH SUBSTITUTIONS
DIFFICULT TO DETECT. NO STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE ON
DETECTED COUNTERFEIT PASSPORTS. GENUINE MINT
PASSPORTS ARE SOMETIMES STOLEN AND ISSUED ILLEGITIMATELY.

2. COLOMBIAN ENTRY VISAS; WE ASSUME THAT COLOMBIAN ENTRY
VISAS CAN EASILY BE AND ARE COUNTERFEITED IN QUANTITY.
THIS, HOWEVER, IS NOT PERCEIVED BY DAS TO BE MAJOR PROBLEM.

3. ENTRY AND DPEATURE STAMPS; THESE ARE COMMONLY COUN-
TERFEITED FOR USE IN GENUINE OR COUNTERFEIT PASSPORTS CARRIED

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BY COLOMBIAN DRUG TRAFFICKERS AND OTHERS WHO WOULD HAVE

DIFFICULTY IN ENTERING OR LEAVING COLOMBIA LEGALLY. AGAIN, GOC CAN PROVIDE NO STATISTICS ON THIS TYPE OF FRAUD.

4. OTHER PASSPORT: ABUSE OF NON-COLOMBIAN PASSPORTS DOES NOT, ACCORDING TO DAS, CONSTITUTE A MAJOR PROBLEM WHEN COMPARED TO FALSIFICATION OF COLOMBIAN PASSPORTS, EXIT VISAS AND EXIT/ENTRY STAMPS.

5. VISAS ISSUED BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS: DAS MOST CONCERNED ABOUT HIGH INCIDENCE COUNTERFEITING US VISAS AND COUNTER-FOILS. EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION HAS CONDUCTED TRAINING SESSIONS FOR DAS IN US VISA FRAUD DETECTION; HOWEVER, THIS HAS PROVEN TO BE OF ONLY LIMITED EFFECTIVENESS.

6. GOC EXIT CONTROLS; COLOMBIANS NEED FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS FOR OVERSEAS TRAVEL; PASSPORT ISSUED BY MINFORNAFFS; TAX RECEIPT ISSUED BY MINFINANCE; EXIT VISA (NORMALLY GOOD FOR ONE VOYAGE) ISSUED BY DAS. ALL THESE DOCUMENTS ARE COMMONLY COUNTERFEITED.

7. TO RECAPITULATE, DAS MOST CONCERNED WITH FALSIFICATION OF COLOMBIAN EXIT VISAS, ENTRY AND EXIT STAMPS AND PASSPORTS IN THAT ORDER. IT IS LESS CONCERNED WITH FALSIFICATION OF FOREIGN PASSPORTS AND VISAS ISSUED BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS, WITH THE SOLE EXCEPTION THAT US VISA FRAUD IS A MATTER OF MAJOR CONCERN. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BE CONVINCED THAT MOST USEFUL APPROACH TO ASSISTING DAS WITH ABOVE PROBLEMS WOULD BY TDY CONSULTATIONS IN COLOMBIA BY US TECHNICAL EXPERT. PLEASE ADVISE.

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